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Viewpoint

Energy Costs: A Mournful Melody

The rising cost of energy — and the various forces sparking that rise — have been issues of concern in the columns of this magazine for years.

We've been performing an editorial dirge on the theme which has left us feeling sadly alone. At times, we wondered if anyone else cared, save those who have similar ties to energy-related organizations.

No. 1 Issue For Families

Now comes news that lots of other North Carolina folks do, indeed, care — now that the message is being translated into the music of the cash register, as gasoline and home heating bills have soared in recent months.

In a statewide survey conducted in January, the cost of energy was listed as the Number 1 issue of concern to North Carolina families, heading a list of more than 70 issues.

The survey was a project of the N.C. Families Task Force, a 150-member organization appointed by Gov. Hunt to identify family concerns in the state and recommend policies relating to those issues for submission to this year's White House Conference on Families.

Food Costs No. 2

Taking second place in the ranking of issues from the survey was the cost of food. Other issues given high rankings were the cost and availability of quality health care, quality education and transportation, cost of clothing, interest rates, fixed incomes, sales tax on food, Social Security benefits and government responsiveness to family needs.

Energy Outranks "Basic Needs"

Even farther down the rankings were such "basic needs" issues as lack of family income, availability of good jobs, availability and cost of adequate housing.

The survey results offer a telling perspective on the importance that Tar Heels now place on the energy issue.

And, while we have no similar survey findings from other states, it's our guess that consumers across the U.S. are experiencing a parallel rising consciousness on energy.

Perhaps now we can find a new arrangement for our mournful song and its chords can be joined by voices from throughout the country in a rousing chorus that'll finally get the attention of the nation's lawmakers.

Since the OPEC oil embargo raise warning signs on the energy front i 1973, most of them have paid no hee to this melody — choosing instead t move along in time with th beguilding rhythms of a far differen drummer.

Music Can't Be Ignored

Some, including virtually the entir Tar Heel Congressional delegation have tried in vain to persuade thei colleagues that the melancho music's message cannot be ignore without serious consequences.

Perhaps they'll learn the wisdom c that advice in 1980, when American might decide to whistle this tune a the way to the voting booth — and giv them a chance to sing their ow political swan songs.

The Passing Scene

Opinion polls of various stripes seem ever-present during political campaigns, but a radio station in Emmetsbury, Iowa came up with a totally new approach to a straw poll it was conducting in the community of 4,150 on the day of Iowa's caucus.

Throughout the morning, listeners were told they'd have a chance to participate in the special poll on the Democratic race during the KEMB-FM noon news, which was to be broadcast remote from the city's water plant. Station officials dubbed their effort the "Cess Poll."

Shorly after noon, the newscaster announced that all those Democrats who were supporting President Carter should immediately flush their toilets. Russ Harris, the Emmetsburg public works director, carefully watched the water level in the town's tower. It dropped one-tenth of a foot, indicating 300 flushes.

Five minutes later, all those Democrats who were undecided or had no plans to back either Carter or Sen. Kennedy were asked to flush. After that announcement, the water level dropped two-tenths of a foot, indicating 600 flushes, Schad, said.

"I don't know how scientific our poll really was," Gary Girard, of *KEMB* said later, "But it appears that Kennedy is in deep water up here."

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By N. C. Co-op Council

Montgomery Family, Forsyth Girl Honored

A Montgomery County farm family and a 15-year-old Winston-Salem girl have been singled out for their contributions to their respective communities by the North Carolina Cooperative Council.

The Robert Caudill family, a dairy farming family in the Little River Community of Montgomery County, received the Council's "Outstanding Young Rural Family" Award for 1979.

Annette Fulcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fulcher of Winston-Salem, received the Council's "Outstanding Youth" Award for 1979.

Both awards were presented to the winners at the Council's recent 45th Annual Meeting in Raleigh, which attracted more than 200 persons from across the state.

The family — Robert and Sherry Caudill, five-year-old Laura and two-year-old Elizabeth — are members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, and were sponsored by the EMC in the statewide competition.

The Caudills keep track of a herd of 200 cows on 775 acres with help from Robert's mother and two brothers. They are members of three other cooperatives: FCX, Dairymen, Inc. and the Federal Land Bank.

Robert, who was the Jaycees "Young Farmer of the Year" in 1971, is a member of the "4-Sight" Planning Board, a committeeman for The Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service and a committeman for the Advisory Council for Vocational Education.

Sherry and Robert Caudill

Sherry is a children's teacher in Vacation Bible School at their church and a soloist for the church choir.

They both helped organize the Little River Community Center.

Miss Fulcher

Miss Fulcher is president of her 4-H club, recreation leader of Forsyth County 4-H Council and chairman of committees to organize a 4-H club for the handicapped.

She has a long list of accomplishments, including the state 4-H award for community service. She pulled in two top 4-H awards last year: state winner in personal appearance and state winner in artistic arrangement demonstration.

She also won the Colgate Palmolive award for work with the elderly, the Northwest Community Development award for community-service work, a Red Cross award for volunteer work, an award from Forsyth Tech for tutoring program work, a Teen Leadership Award from 4-H adult leaders for leadership in the community and an award from her church for volunteer work. She is also on the honor roll at school.

Three Youth Coordinators Cited

Employees of three cooperatives were recognized for "outstanding service" to the N.C. Co-op Council during the organization's recent annual meeting.

The three, who were cited for their work with the council's Youth Coordinators, are all past presidents of the coordinators' group.

They are Rachel Smith, director of member involvement at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir; Ben Thompson of Burlington, who is with Cotton States Insurance Co.; and Mac Dunkley, who is with Central Carolina Farmers, Durham.

Meanwhile, James Walker, Carolina district manager of Dairymen, Inc., was re-elected to serve a second term as president of the council.

C. E. Smith of FCX was re-elected first vice president and James M. Hubbard of the statewide association of rural electric co-ops was re-elected second vice president. Charles Colvard was re-elected executive vice president, secretary and treasurer.

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Grant Finances Libraries' Summer Reading Program

North Carolina's first statewide children's summer reading program has received a $10,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, according to Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins of the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources.

"From Hatteras to Cherokee, Folktales and Legends of North Carolina" is the title of the program scheduled for summer 1980 and administered by the State Library of North Carolina.

The program is designed to enhance children's interest in North Carolina history and in local history and legends, according to Diana Young, consultant for children's services for the state library and program coordinator.

The theme features a map of North Carolina that will be crossed by tiny Tar Heels (via rubber stamp) as a child reads various books. The package includes posters, reading folders, record of books read, booklists and completion certificates. The certificate will bear the signature of Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

These materials are being offered without charge to North Carolina public libraries, who will then tailor the program to fit their own needs and localities, according to Ms. Young.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the younger son of the founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company to provide a trust for the benefit of the people of North Carolina. The foundation, drawing on the income from the Zachary Smith Reynolds Trust and the William Neal Reynolds Trust, has now made grants totaling more than $88 million to recipients in almost all of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Major attention has been given to education and health care, with increased interest in recent years in recreational services, cultural activities, rural life, and the handicapped.

Cover Spotlights Southport Harbour

Fishing nets provide an interesting splash of color for the "Rosa" in the harbour at Southport, as captured on film by photographer Norman Poole.

The photo originally appeared in the 1978 edition of *North Carolina Coastal Fishing and Vacation Guide*, published by Graphic Press, Inc., Raleigh. We're grateful to that firm for allowing us to use it on our cover.

EMC Gets First Woman Director

Billie Jean Jones of Rt. 1, Maysville, has been named the first woman member of the board of directors at Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation, Jacksonville. She was appointed to succeed Hugh Sandlin of Rt. 3, Jacksonville, who resigned for health reasons.

Mrs. Jones, who is married to R. Darrell Jones, has been served by the EMC all her life.

She has been employed by the Jacksonville Branch Office of East Carolina Production Credit Association for the past six years. Previously, she spent 10 years as an employee of the Onslow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office.

The White Oak High School graduate is a member of the United Methodist Church of Belgrade, where she has served as a Sunday School teacher and as a Sunday School secretary.

She and her husband have two children.

Rate Discounts Bring No Power Use Shifts

A study of 200 residential consumers of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, shows that few choose to make significant changes in the time of day when they use most electricity — even when the price of power i as much as 70 percent higher durir periods of peak demand.

An analysis of the experiment of the Research Triangle Institute indicates that the differences in th time-of-day electric rates were not enough to influence consumers to change their living habits substantially.

The study suggested that larger users of electricity may reduce consumption somewhat during thc hours when the power carries its highest price. However, too few such users were included in the study to confirm this trend.

The one-year study, which bega in October, 1977, was termed a success by Wayne Keller, manager operations at Blue Ridge.

"Through this study, we've determined that a time-of-use rate for Blue Ridge EMC members wou not benefit either the members or their cooperative at the present time."

Seeking A Club Program Here's A Solution

If you're looking for a program i a club or organizational meeting, t Raleigh office of U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan may be able to help.

That office can make available a 30-minute, 16-millimeter film depicting how Washington was bu on the banks of the Potomac Rive It's titled "City Out of Wilderness."

To make arrangements for it, wr or call the office at P.O. Box 2719, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. The phone number is (919) 755-4239.

Death Takes National Rural Electric Figure

Clyde T. Ellis, who was general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association from its founding in 1942 until 196 died Feb. 9 in Washington, D.C.

Ellis, who was a forceful leader in the long and continuing effort to electrify rural America and keep it electrified, nurtured all aspects of rural development.

From his days in both houses of the Arkansas Legislature and two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives to his recent assignment as special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, he was responsible not only for benchmark legislation designed to strengthen the rural electrification program in the U.S., but also for policies having a direct impact on electrification programs abroad.

Annual Meetings Set At Three EMCs

Three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have scheduled their 1980 annual meetings during the next several weeks:

- **Wake Forest EMC,** Wake Forest, will meet April 11 at the Wake Forest-Rolesville Senior High School. Registration is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the business session for 7:15 p.m. Energy conservation exhibits and an electrical safety demonstration for young people will be featured before the business session.
- **French Broad EMC,** Marshall, will meet April 19 at Madison High in Marshall. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with the business beginning at 1:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting, special programs, exhibits and a craft fair are scheduled to mark the EMC's 40th anniversary.
- **Halifax EMC,** Enfield, will meet May 3 at Enfield High School. Registration will begin at 12:45 p.m., entertainment at 1 p.m. and the business session at 2 p.m.

Report In Error On Rate Reduction

A recent news report on plans by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, to conduct a rate design study were in error in saying the co-op may lower its rates as a result of increased use of wood-burning stoves among its consumer-members.

The error was due to a "misquote," according to Ronn Knouse, director of member and public relations at Blue Ridge.

"We don't know what our position (regarding rates) will be until we complete the study and have the facts in," he said.

"The study is designed to find out what effect supplemental energy sources such as wood stoves have on our system."

At this point, we are aware that there are a number of these stoves on our system — a lot of them with electrically-heated homes. We do not have any conclusions as to what our course of action should be regarding these consumers until after our rate design is completed."

New USDA Book Analyzes Agriculture's Structure

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has published a 450-page book analyzing the structure of U.S. farming.

The book, *Another Revolution in U.S. Farming?*, describes how production of livestock and crops is organized and managed, why it is that way and how resources are likely to be organized and managed in the future.

For a free copy of the book write to ESCS Publications, Room 0054-S, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Home Folks

Frank B. Boyette of Red Springs and **Dr. Billy E. Caldwell** of N. C. State University have been awarded distinguished service awards from the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association. Boyette was cited for his leadership in the organization and Dr. Caldwell, who is head of NCSU's Crop Science Department, was honored for his role in holding a world soybean research conference at NCSU last March . . . . **Carol Ann Grant** of Raleigh, a state vocational rehabilitation counselor, was sworn in recently as a member of the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barrier Compliance Board, which oversees implementation of federal requirements that federally supported programs and facilities be accessible to the handicapped. Ms. Grant, who has severely shortened limbs, is the youngest member of the board at age 26. She is the daughter of J. Marse and Marian Grant of Raleigh. Grant is editor of *The Biblical Recorder,* the Baptist State Convention's weekly newspaper . . . . **Dr. Naomi Albanese,** dean of the UNC-G School of Home Economics, has been appointed to a one-year term as a consumer advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cotton Board. The 19-member board, composed of representatives of all cotton-producing states, administers a national cotton research and promotion program . . . . **William T. Charles** of Rt. 3, Ahoskie, controller at Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, has been appointed to the American Farm Bureau's Federal Poultry Meat Advisory Committee. This 16-member committee advises the organization's board on policies affecting this commodity . . . . Gov. Jim Hunt has appointed **Rev. W. Perry Crouch** of Asheville and **Kate Garner** of Greensboro as co-chairmen of the 150-member North Carolina Families task force. The group will identify family concerns in the state and recommend policies relating to those issues for submission to the White House Conference on Families. Crouch retired in 1975 after 11 years as general executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention. He had been pastor of First Baptist Church in Asheville for more than 20 years before that. Mrs. Garner is an instructor in the department of medical social services at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University.

The Governor's Mansion, sketch by Harper's Magazine, ca. 1895.

A Tar Heel Grande Dame

She may be a pristine dowager, but men of character still vie for the privilege of sharing her charms.

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The mansion is operated by a full-time staff of 22, including three paid employees and 19 prison trusties, in addition to the groundskeepers and security personnel.

Last year, 25,700 people visited the mansion for spring and fall tours or for special Yuletide openings. A corps of 100 women volunteers from various Raleigh service clubs serve as tour guides and hostesses.

This spring's tours are scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, through May.

After closing for the summer, the mansion will resume scheduled tours from September through November, with only special holiday open house events slated for December.

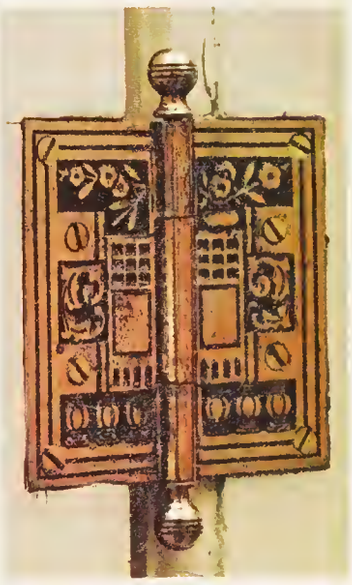
For tour reservations and further information write or call Marla Walsh, Capital Area Visitor Center, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, N.C. 27611; Phone (919) 733-3456.

RIGHT—The mansion's Entrance Hall is highlighted with elegant Corinthian columns which frame the Grand Staircase. Portraits of the governors who have resided in the mansion line the hall. ABOVE RIGHT—When the mansion was renovated in 1976, the stairway's newel post, balusters and handrails were stripped of paint and stained to match a third floor pine mantel which had aged naturally.

LEFT—Comfortable furniture and a collection of works by and about North Carolina people, places and history keynote the library.

BELOW LEFT—Presidents and other distinguished visitors have used the East Room as a guest bedroom.

BELOW—Doorknobs and hinges are part of the original hardware in the 90-year-old structure.



Color photos from The Executive Mansion, **a 36-page booklet published by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The publication is available at historic sites' visitor centers and the museums of history and art. To order a copy, send $2 plus 50 cents postage to the Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh.**

Through Energy Conservation

Nation's Electric Co-ops Cut Growth Rate

The nation's rural electric systems have nearly cut in half their historical annual power growth rate of 10 percent.

Moreover, the hundreds of cooperative systems which distribute power to their consumer-members in 46 states have budgeted more than $25-million for energy conservation activities in 1980.

That's the report of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the rural electrics' national service organization, which recently released results of a comprehensive survey of its 908 distribution system members.

In releasing the report, Robert D. Partridge, executive vice president of the association, noted that analyses of the latest available figures — those for 1978 — show that kilowatt-hour usage by rural electric consumer-members increased only 5.8 percent that year.

During the 10-year period ending in 1975, rural electric power sales had increased an average of 10 percent annually, reaching a peak of 12 percent in 1972.

An Important Contribution

Partridge said, "It's clear that rural electric systems and their consumers are making an important contribution to our nation's conservation efforts. In fact, if we were still expanding at our historical growth level we would have consumed an additional 5.7 billion kilowatt-hours in 1978. That's enough to power all the homes in Washington, D.C. for a year-and-a-half.

"Rural electric systems, however, will probably continue to be the fastest growing segment of the utility industry. In 1978 alone, an estimated one million people moved onto rural electric lines. And we see no early end of the movement of people back to the land."

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—Robert D. Partridge
National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association

Partridge noted that 213 co-ops, or 23 percent of all NRECA member systems, actually sold fewer kilowatt-hours for farm and rural residential use in 1978 than they did in 1977. Another 196 co-ops had an increase of less than three percent. In all, 64.1 percent of the rural electric systems registered a growth per average residential and farm meter of less than five percent.

Midwest Has More Growth

Of the systems with higher growth rates, many were concentrated in the Midwest, Partridge said, where a severe winter was an important factor. He also said systems in that area report that consumer concern over the availability and price of fuel oil and propane has resulted in most new homes being all-electric, along with an upsurge in the installation of electric devices for supplemental or back-up heating.

"Since most of the electricity in that area is generated by coal-fired or hydroelectric plants," Partridge said, "we believe that this substitution of electricity for scarce fuels is also contributing to the nation's conservation efforts. We also believe that substitution of electricity for oil and gas will continue, further adding to the nation's power demands."

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A specially-designed harvester gathers peat in a First Colony Farms field in Northeastern North Carolina. Officials of the farm have been experimenting with harvesting techniques for the past three years. Under a proposal by N.C. Electric Membership Corporation, a statewide power supply co-op serving Tar Heel EMCs, the peat would be used to fuel a generating plant. The co-op is currently seeking a federal grant to finance construction of the nation's first peat-fired generating plant in this area of the state. This is just one example of the kinds of energy conservation and alternate energy development projects that are being undertaken by rural electric cooperatives across the country.

1980 plans include personal visits or energy audits to assist their members in energy conservation.

Home Energy Audits To Double

Among the survey respondents, 648 said they plan to conduct more than 111,000 energy audits of their members' homes — more than twice as many as they conducted in 1979.

Also the systems indicated they plan to devote more than two-million employee hours to energy conservation — an average of 2,640 hours per system. (The average rural electric distribution system serves only about 8,000 homes and businesses.)

NRECA's survey also turned up an extensive array of supplemental energy projects on the local level.

About one third of the systems outlined ongoing projects in their service areas and most of these indicated they were involved at some level.

Most systems were providing information and technical assistance to members installing wind, solar or similar supplemental energy devices, and some systems have already adopted policies to buy excess energy from these consumer-owned devices.

More than 100 systems reported direct involvement in supplemental energy projects, including the following:

- The largest wind generator in the world is being operated by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, with the Department of Energy and the National Aeronautical and Space Administration — just one of many wind projects being undertaken by rural electrics.
- A co-op in North Dakota has converted all of its vehicles so they are fueled by gasohol as a part of its internal energy-conservation program.
- A New Mexico cooperative is one of many cooperating with DOE and others in solar energy demonstrations.

N.C. Peat Project

- Co-ops in North Carolina are seeking funding for a peat-fired generating plant in the Northeastern part of the state.
- An Alaska co-op is proposing to build three or four generating units which will use waste heat from pumping stations on the Alaska Pipeline.
- Rural electric cooperatives throughout the nation are working with the Department of Energy and the Rural Electrification Administration to identify and evaluate potential sites for small hydroelectric projects, with a few projects already well underway.
- Co-ops in Mississippi and Alabama are studying the possibility of using off-peak power to compress air in underground salt domes and then use the air to generate power in peak periods.
- Systems in Idaho, Utah, Texas and elsewhere are among those working in geothermal power projects.
- A system in Oregon is one of several working with commercial consumers on a cogeneration project that would use waste products to generate power for the consumer's own use, with the excess flowing into the system for use by other consumers.
- A Pennsylvania cooperative is among several that are incorporating solar-assisted heating or water heating in their new facilities (NRECA's one-year-old headquarters building in Washington has a solar water-heating system.).

On the national level, with the support of its member systems, NRECA, has carried out a number of research projects aimed at energy conservation. These include efforts in mobile home retrofitting, use of infrared technology in identifying heat loss, development of the heat pump water heater, demonstration of solar crop drying and irrigation load management, among others.

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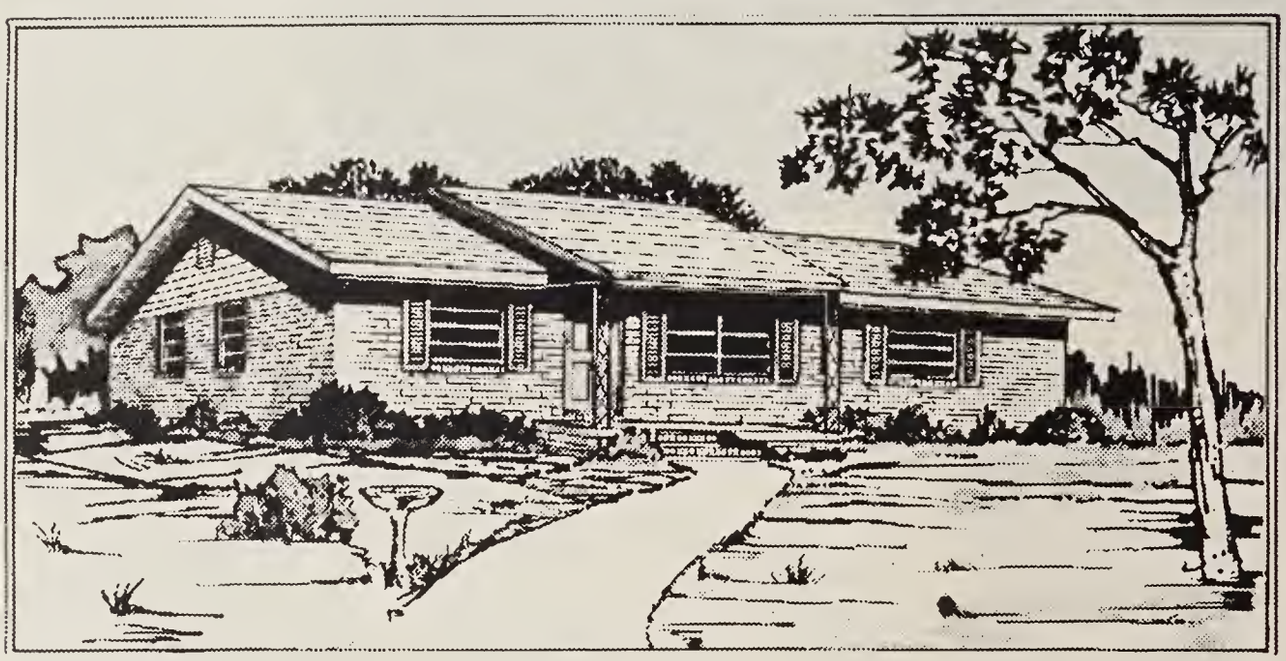

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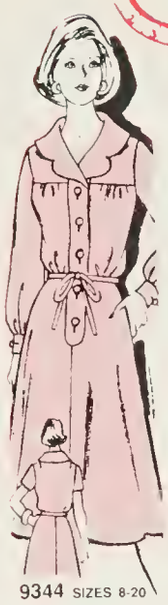

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¼ tsp. nutmeg
¼ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. allspice
¼ tsp. slivered almonds

In large bowl, mix together cooked sweet potatoes which have been mashed, and remaining ingredients, except almonds. Pour into six greased custard cups. Place in pan filled with one inch of water. Bake in 350 degree oven for one hour or until tip of knife inserted near center comes out clean. Serve warm with toasted almonds or whipped cream.

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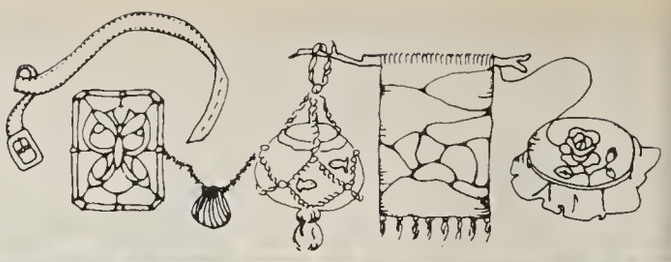

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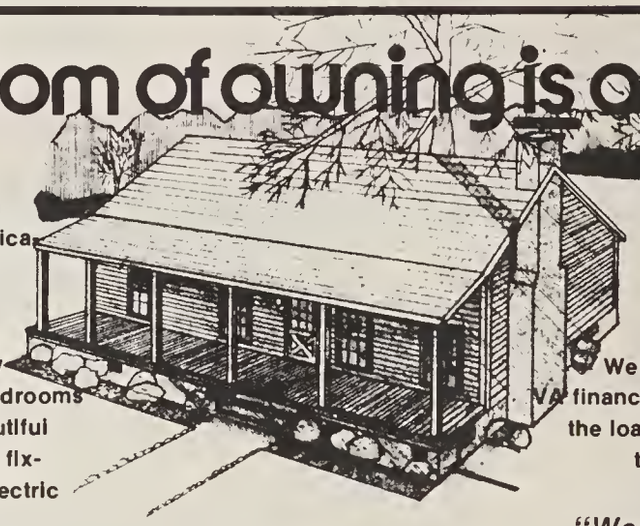

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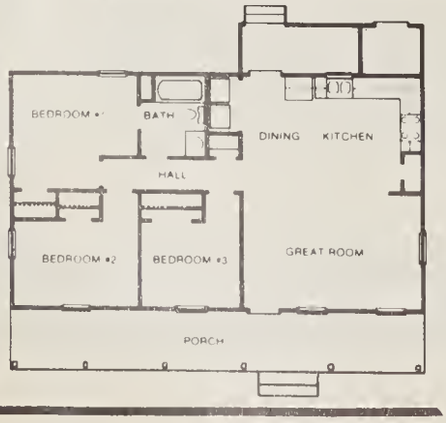

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Viverette Ends 40-Year Career

Keller Takes Reins at Blue Ridge EMC

A 20-year veteran employee of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has been named executive vice president and general manager of the cooperative.

He is Wayne Keller, who has been the EMC's director of operations for the past 12 years.

He succeeds Cecil E. Viverette, who is retiring after serving in the EMC's top management post since 1948.

Viverette at EMC 32 Years

Prior to beginning his 32 years of service with Blue Ridge, Viverette served as general manager of Randolph EMC, Asheboro.

During his 40-year career in the rural electric program in North Carolina, he was a founding member of the statewide association of electric cooperatives, and served as its president.

Under his leadership, Blue Ridge pioneered in many areas, including area development, member services, energy conservation and management and the use of alternative sources of energy.

In that period, the EMC's assets have grown from $2.6 million in 1949 to $37.3 million today. Its annual revenues have increased from $345,000 to $27.2 million and its staff has grown from 48 to 163.

Viverette has overseen planning and construction of four permanent offices, including the general quarters facilities, as well as a transmission network.

Active In National Programs

He served as a member of the National Rural Electric Long Range Study Committee, which culminated in the organization of the rural electric bank, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Viverette was elected to its first board of directors.

Keller

Viverette

Since 1963, he has been active in the International Rural Electric Program, assisting with the development of rural electrification in Bolivia. He was presented the Cross of Santa Cruz for his outstanding work in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, as the first non-citizen to receive this honor.

Active in his local community, Viverette served as a member of the Lenoir City Council for eight years, president of the Northwest Development Association, president of the Caldwell County Fair Association (which he helped to organize), president of the Lenoir Kiwanis Club and the Lenoir Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Caldwell County Planning Board.

Keller An NCSU Graduate

Keller, 42, was graduated from N.C. State University in 1959 with a degree in electrical engineering, and joined Blue Ridge as a staff electrical engineer the same year. In 1963, he was promoted to district manager of the Ashe District, a job he held until 1968, when he advanced to operations manager.

Keller has been active in statewide and national rural electric programs in rate analysis and study, research projects involving Blue Ridge EMC, contract negotiations with power suppliers and preparation of construction loan applications with lending institutions.

A native of Caldwell County, Keller lives in Lenoir with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children.

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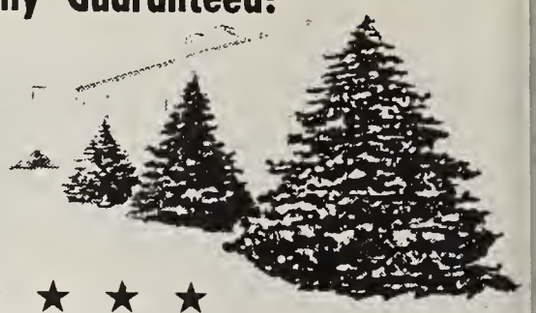

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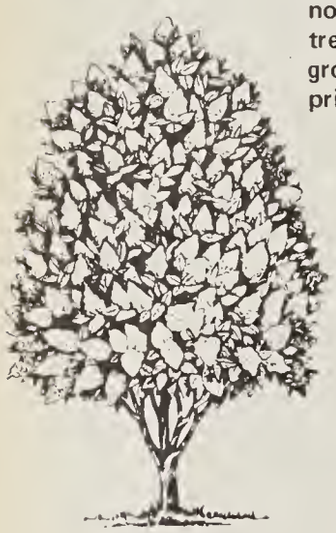

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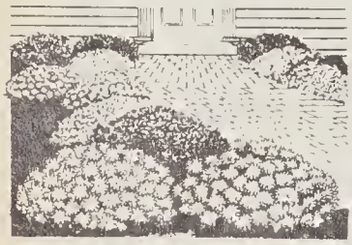

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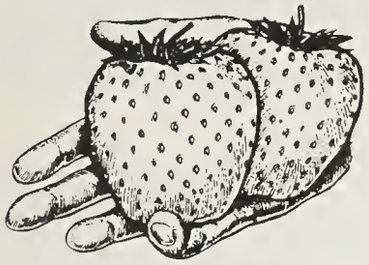

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Money management, which has traditionally been the bailiwick of the men in our male-dominated society, is rapidly moving into the province of today's women. As familiar sexual roles are changing, many wives are taking charge of the family budget for the first time. And, as the divorce rate continues upward, more women are being forced to manage their finances alone.

With changing tax laws, an uncertain stock market and confusing regulations governing wills, estates, retirement programs and credit — it's little wonder that such women are flocking to money management courses across the state, seeking help in dealing with financial matters on a day-to-day basis.

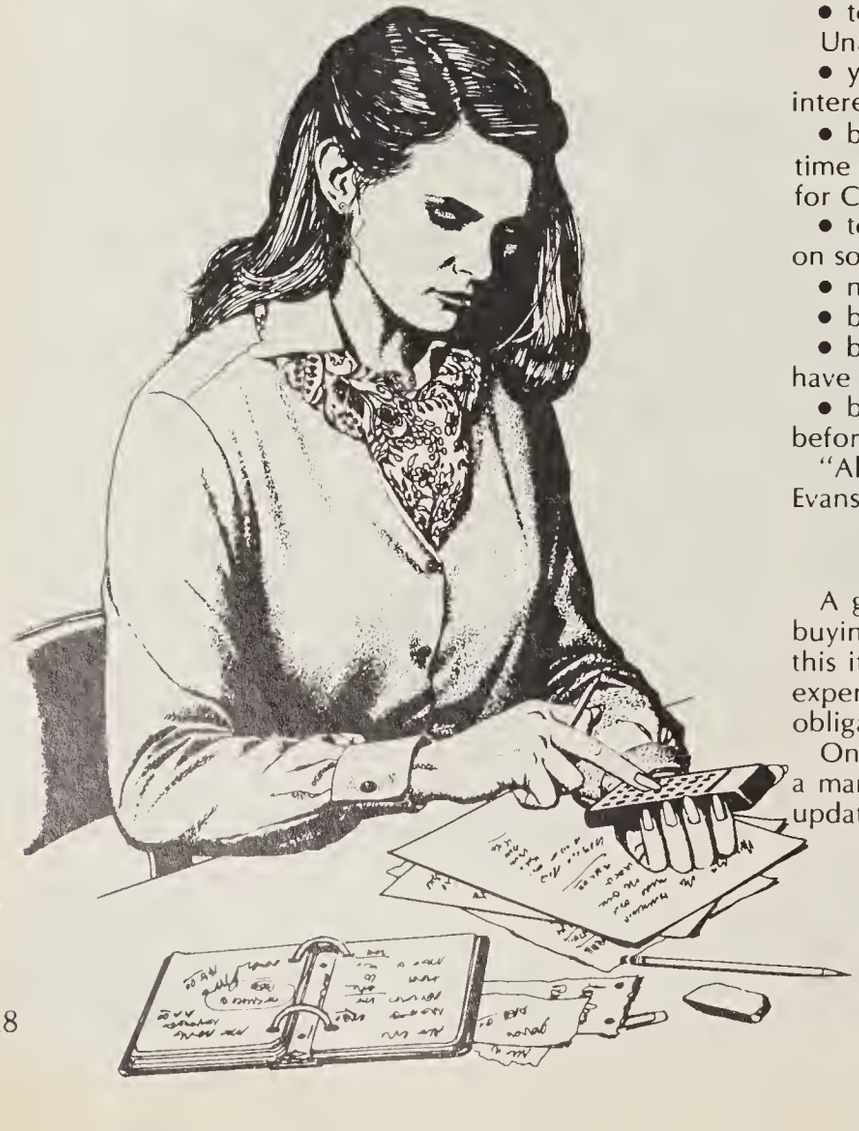
Speakers at one such money management seminar for women, held in Chapel Hill, offered plenty of advice about making those hard-earned dollars go as far as possible in today's inflationary economy.

Staff writer Patty Shelley prepared this report on the suggestions presented.

Carolina Homemaker

Managing Your Moolah

Or How to Make The Long Green Go A Long Way



The first step in money management is to come up with a budget, designed especially for you and your needs, according to Delores Evans of the Family Services Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

Then, you can decide, whenever the need arises, whether it is wise or not to use credit.

It Can Be OK To Borrow Money

"It's perfectly O.K. to borrow money, if it's for the right reason, and the right time of your life," she said.

Acceptable reasons for borrowing include:

- to increase your financial security by investing
- to establish independence by buying a home ("This is the first good reason that anybody has to establish credit by borrowing")
- to make a major purchase, such as a car
- a genuine emergency, such as auto repair or illness
- seasonal sales ("Make sure you can repay right away")
- college or educational expenses
- to purchase items on which the value is going up

Unacceptable reasons include:

- you want the goods or services now and can't afford the interest you'll have to pay
- buying impulsively)"Christmas is an especially bad time for this. You should start shopping in August and pay for Christmas as you go.")
- to increase your status ("You can't increase your status on someone else's money")
- never use credit against an expected tax refund
- borrowing to gamble is a risky venture
- borrowing each month to meet expenses because you have overextended your credit
- buying something that will be used up or worn out before it's paid for, such as a vacation

"Always keep in mind that credit costs money," said Mrs. Evans," and it's also a good idea to shop around for credit."

Rule of Thumb For Credit Buying

A good rule of thumb to follow when thinking about buying something on credit is to ask yourself, "Would I buy this item if I had the cash in hand, and would I buy this expensive an item?" she said. And always pay off a major obligation before you take on another one.

One of the most important responsibilities a woman — or a man — has is to be sure she has a will, and to keep it updated.

"Actually, every person does have a will," said Dan Russler of Certified Planning Consultants, "because if you don't write one yourself, the state of North Carolina has one for you, and they dictate where your assets will go.

"A will is a person's last word, and it's senseless to be without a will of your choice," he emphasized. "People usually have more assets than they realize."

Although most people prefer to have an attorney draw a will, and that's the best route to choose, some write a will and sign it, with no witnesses, and it is valid, according to Russler. And an attorney-written will can also have a handwritten "codicil," or amendment, added to it, but this must have witnesses.

Both Husband and Wife Need A Will

In the case of married couples, both the husband and wife should have a will, he said, and when the estates reach a substantial size, then they should look into having a trust arrangement along with the will.

"Everyone should look at his will at least once a year to see if the will needs to be revised in any way," he concluded.

Planning for retirement is especially important these days, with people living longer and inflation taking a huge bite out of whatever kind of savings plan you may have.

The first step, said Thomas Pate of Certified Planning Consultants, is to look at the retirement benefits offered by your employer and be sure you understand what you have.

Social security is, of course, designed to be the basis for financial security during retirement years, but this is not enough.

The only way to guarantee that you will have enough money and not run out is to have a continuing life-time income through annuities.

"With deferred annuities, you pay no income tax at the time you are putting the money away," Pate explained. "You pay the taxes when you actually take the money out, when your tax rate is lower due to your reduced income."

Pate added that people who work for non-profit organizations can now have up to 16 2/3 percent of their salaries put into a tax-deferred annuity through an insurance company.

Mutual funds are another way to add to your financial security, along with income-producing real estate which can be a hedge against inflation.

Pate emphasized that wives nowadays should have life insurance along with their husbands, because "many wives now make more money than their husbands."

Invest in Stocks Only With "Extra" Money

If you have any discretionary income, and *only* if you have this extra money, another option is to invest in the stock market.

"First, you have to decide how safe you want to be, and to think about how readily accessible your money will be," said Carol Smith of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.

The safest investments are treasury bills, notes and bonds, which are short-term investments with high interest rates. However, according to Ms. Smith, treasury bills require a minimum investment of $10,000. The minimum investment for treasury bonds and notes is now $1,000.

"If you want a high rate of return without taxes, municipal bonds are the answer, but they don't yield as high a percentage," said Ms. Smith.

Another option for short-term investments with high interest is "CD Funds" which are available from a stock broker. There is no penalty if you withdraw your money, but it is subject to fluctuating interest rates.

"You have to be willing to take a risk when you invest in the stock market," said Ms. Smith.

She added that you may buy one of three types of stocks: growth, income, or growth and income.

"Right now, I think the growth stocks are the best because you can do other things with the high rate of return that's available," she explained. "With interest rates so high over the short term, you should stay as liquid as possible and invest in short-term securities."

—Patty Shelley

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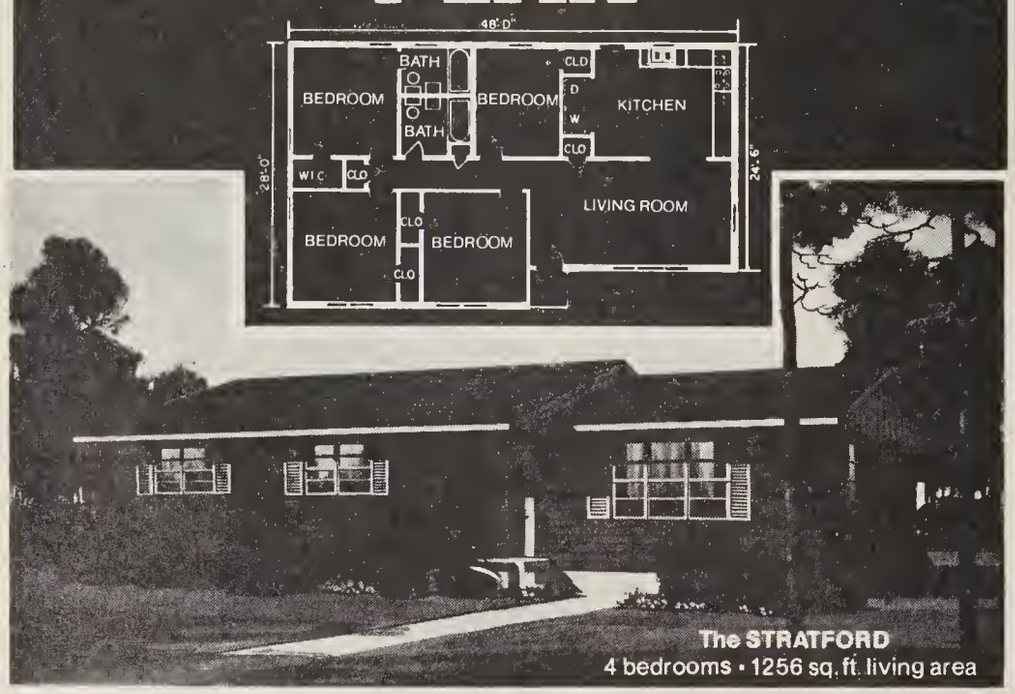

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Youth Forum

WHAT DO YOU THINK CAN BE DONE TO CURB THE EVER-INCREASING RATE OF INFLATION WE ARE FACED WITH IN OUR COUNTRY AND IN THE WORLD TODAY?

If one looks for the "root" of the problem dealing with the increasing inflation rate, I believe it can be found in one's own self. It seems that American citizens have become extremely self-centered and selfish. During the early and middle Seventies we experienced a few "good years" and became accustomed to many affordable luxuries. Now that our economy has declined, we seem to be unable to let go of these luxuries. We, American citizens, are showing the big business that we will pay outrageous prices to get whatever we want. We must let go of our luxuries and work to stabilize the prices of our necessities. We must conserve, and by working together, we can show big business and merchants that we will resist unreasonable prices. On the world level, the U.S. must stand tall and show the world we can be independent. We can balance our trade deficit by reducing the importation of products which can be supplied by our own industries. The U.S. must let her top priority be her own economy and people, and then, worry about the rest of the world.

Randy Brantley
Ahoskie

Randy is a junior at Bertie Junior High School and enjoys water skiing, growing plants, collecting antiques and coins, and reading. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Brantley, are served by Roanoke EMC, Rich Square.

Although there are many avenues by which to approach this problem, I feel strongly that a direct and forthright solution can be reached basically by two means: increasing productivity, which can be done through deregulation; and cutting back on wasteful governmental spending for welfare, unneeded research, loans, etc.

Curbing inflation is a stepping stone to totally wiping it out as a choke on the American consumer. I believe that the sacrifice and intelligence which have, in the past, lended the U.S. to triumph can function again if we but have the courage to use them. I am determined that gradually America can bury inflation and leave blossoming anew a flower — a beautiful flower of a strong and stable economy. As surely as is the future, the task is ours!

Paul Allen Fox
Taylorsville

Allen is a sophomore at Alexander Central High School and enjoys writing poems, reading, singing and pursuing the future. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Fox, are served by Crescent EMC, Statesville.

If people would seriously think about inflation and see how much it is affecting the entire world, everyone could fight it somehow.

They could stop driving to places which are in walking distance. Double-up in cars when going to the same places, stop going for pleasure drives and other unnecessary things. Lower the heat in homes, buildings and schools. When going to bed at night, cut the heat very low. Turn off lights, television and other appliances, if they are not being used. Last of all, they should enforce the speed limit to help save gas also.

Priscilla Johnson
Shannon

Priscilla is a sophomore at Red Springs High School and enjoys reading, playing the piano, cooking and sewing. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson, are served by Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs.

NEXT QUESTION: If draft registration is reinstated by the government, should women have to register? Why or why not?

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Board Is "Building A Team"

The five members of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority have a good feel for the needs of rural folks. They're rural folks, too, with backgrounds of community involvement that have helped prepare them for the positions they hold.

Even so, each brings a different perspective to the state agency which has provided assistance to electric and telephone cooperatives over the past four decades.

James Melton of Hubert is chairman of the authority board. His 19 years on the Board of Directors of Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation, Jacksonville, give him the background he needs for the job, but he says he was surprised when the governor asked him to take it. Serving on the authority board had never occurred to him, but he said he took the job because he wants the authority to resume the active role it had in years past.

"We're getting there," he said. "It takes a whole team to make the job go and we're trying to build a team."

An important member of the team, though, is an engineer — which the authority doesn't have.

The legislature has approved adding the position, but Gov. Hunt's freeze on hiring has prevented the authority from putting anyone to work. Melton said he is now working to get the position "unfrozen."

The authority has only Administrator Charles Wilson and his secretary on the payroll and as a result, is not in the position to offer the services it once did. And board members don't have the time or expertise to do the technical work.

The N.C. REA board recently heard Jim Stephenson of N.C. EMC, left, review plans by the EMCs to build a peat-fired power plant. At the table from the left, are Administrator Charles Wilson and board members Huffman, Seawell, Hawkins and Melton.

This is the second installment of a two-part series on the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority.

"You can't expect people who have to work for a living and who get together in Raleigh once a month to offer what's needed," Melton said. "We need two engineers — one for telephone co-ops and one for electric co-ops. Then we'll be in a much better position to help the cooperatives with their needs."

The authority once had adequate staff, but the agency went through a period where its services waned, and now it's trying hard to get back to full strength, Melton said.

Melton, who was operator of one of the area's biggest nurseries until two years ago when he sold the business, has long been active in community affairs, including a leadership role in helping attract industry to the Onslow County area. He also serves on the Tarheel Electric Membership Asssociation Board of Directors.

Mrs. Emily Eason of Sanford, the only woman on the authority board, agrees with Melton that the Authority can't really do its job well without an adequate staff. She said she feels "lost" when trying to decide important matters, because the authority has no way to do any investigative work on its own and winds up "taking somebody's word for it" every time a question arises.

Mrs. Eason said she wanted the post on the board because she has a longstanding interest in rural electrification.

Before her 16-year-old daughter and 13-year-old son were born, she worked for nearly four years as cost accountant clerk at Central EMC, Sanford.

Russell Seawell of Bennett also knows about cooperatives. He's a member of Randolph EMC and Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, both based in Asheboro. And his wo as a Randolph County farmer has ke him close to rural folks.

He has been a member of t Randolph County Agricultur Stabilization and Conservation Servi Commission for the past 23 yea including nine years as chairman.

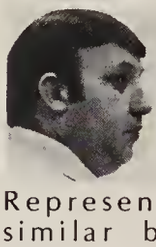
Novile Hawkins Mars Hill, one of tv newest members of t board, said his fi exposure to rur electrification came as child, when he went with his fath to early co-op organization meetings.

He remembers years of pumpi gasoline by hand at his service stati before electricity finally came.

He has served for the past eig years on the Board of Directors French Broad EMC, Marshall, and h served on the Board of Directors of t EMCs' statewide organization. He h also held other positions which ha contributed to his understanding rural problems, including a seat on t State Highway Commission.

Hawkins said his wife advised agai taking the Authority post because s felt he was overextending himse "but I said if I can help rural peop out, that's what I want to do."

George Huffman of Hildebran, t other new member of the board, h no background in rural electrificatio but he feels his experience as contractor, in the political arena and civic affairs is adequate qualificati for the job.



Huffman, who h been pastor at Bookfo Baptist Church Hickory for nearly thr years, is seeking a seat the N.C. House Representatives. He lost similar bid two years ag by a margin of seven votes. He h no opposition in the May Democra Primary.

Huffman is a trustee with the N. Christian Action League and a form president of the Unifore Chapter the Painters and Decorators Council America.

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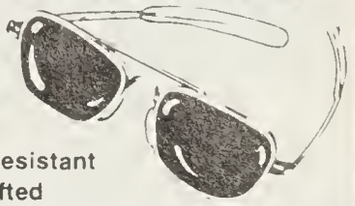

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Books

By Frank Jeter Jr.

North Carolina Superlatives by Faris Jane Corey. Provincial Press, Chapel Hill, 94 pages. $5.95.

Most North Carolinians know — and take pride in the fact — that The Wright Brothers' historic flight took place in North Carolina, that Virginia Dare (the first child born on this continent to English colonists) was born only a few miles from the dune where the Wright Flyer took off, and that this state grows and manufactures more tobacco than any other.

These are clearly "North Carolina Superlatives" and are only a small part of the stock-in-trade that Faris Jane Corey has included in her latest book on the Tar Heel State. More than two hundred such facts are included in this profusely illustrated paperback, and it makes quite a collection.

In her introduction, the author says that they range from the significant to the trivial (I agree) but that all are interesting. I'd change this last word to "fascinating."

Some of the significant items include the fact that Tar Heel Confederates advanced further at Gettysburg than any other Southern troops; that UNC-Chapel Hill was the first state university to open; that the Halif Resolves pre-dated the nation Declaration of Independence ar that Paul Green's "Lost Colony" the longest-running historic drama in the U.S., being presente since 1937 except for the Wor War II period when the coast w blacked out.

The 17 chapters themselves ha fascinating headings, readir simply Best, Chief, Farthes Fastest, Finest, First, Highe Largest, Last, Longest, Lowe Most, Oldest, Only, Smalle Steepest and Tallest.

In the "Only" category are su items as the Venus Fly-Trap, whi is actually more of an insect-eati plant than a TV character; Th Country Doctor Museum at Baile and the only state capital nam for a man who had his he chopped off: Sir Walter Raleig Rodanthe on the Outer Banks the only community to obser both regular Christmas and "O Christmas," complete with t appearance of "Old Buck," January 5 or thereabouts.

The "Only" segment al includes a rather dubio distinction: this is the only sta where the Governor lacks ve power.

As a Tar Heel for more years th I sometimes like to think about had heard of many of o superlatives. But a few took me surprise: that the first x-ray pho was made in 1896 at Davidso College (my own school), that t first air conditioned factory w built at Gastonia in 1905 and th the nation's longest straight stret of railroad track runs 78.8 mil from Hamlet in the direction Wilmington. Were there not slight bend at milepost 340, t track's total straight distan would be 98 miles. In the wor this is surpassed only by a 300-m stretch on the Australian outbac where the engineers laid it o with a straight-edge.

If you have any interest in Nor Carolina, this is a dandy book. A in paperback, it's a bargain at ju $5.95.

(Our reviewer's comments on the 28-page booklet entitled *Mildred the Bear*, published by Hugh Morton of Grandfather Mountain, take the form of a letter to his friend.)

Dear Hugh:

I appreciate your sending me a copy of your new publication on North Carolina's most famous bear. I like to see good photographs, and this collection is right up to the Hugh Morton standard.

Some of the facial expressions you caught with the camera are very intriguing. On the front cover, Mildred looks very much like other bears, perhaps a little hungry. But her little cub has skepticism written all over his ursine face. Doesn't he know he will be provided for?

The rocks, rills and rail fences make beautiful scenery, together with the rhododendron in blossom. I like your photo where the family of bears seem to be watching someone in a hang glider.

Both the black-and-white and color photography hit the mark. Creative Printers at Chapel Hill did a good job of reproduction.

I'm sure you did what most good photographers do. You selected the pictures, laid out the book, and then remembered that you had to write some captions. They do the job, but this is a picturebook.

This will make a dandy souvenir for people who accept Mildred's invitation and visit you-all at Grandfather Mountain.

Sincerely, Your Friend
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Frank Jeter is public information offi for USDA—Soil Conservation Service North Carolina.

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By Jack T. Johnson
Agronomist

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The Iron Duff Busy Bees 4-H Club of Clyde and the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Youth Council were among five youth groups that received awards during KAB's recent National Awards Luncheon in New York City.

The Iron Duff Busy Bees 4-H Club was cited for a number of accomplishments, including collecting nearly 12,000 pounds of glass for recycling and using the proceeds to purchase shrubbery for landscaping, distributing and planting 500 pine seedlings, painting 32 mailboxes and posts, and sponsoring a "Create a Beautiful Mailbox with Plants Contest."

The Fayetteville-Cumberland County Youth Council received the honor because of its public education and publicity campaigns involving local news media coverage of special events.

According to Bud Miller, chairman of the Youth Council's Environmental Action Committee, the program's main thrust is to heighten community awareness of recycling and beautification benefits.

"We especially try to involve the county's youth in environmental learning experiences so that they can initiate positive changes and affect attitudes in the community," he said.

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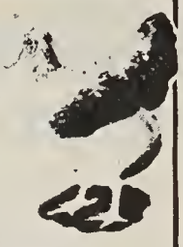

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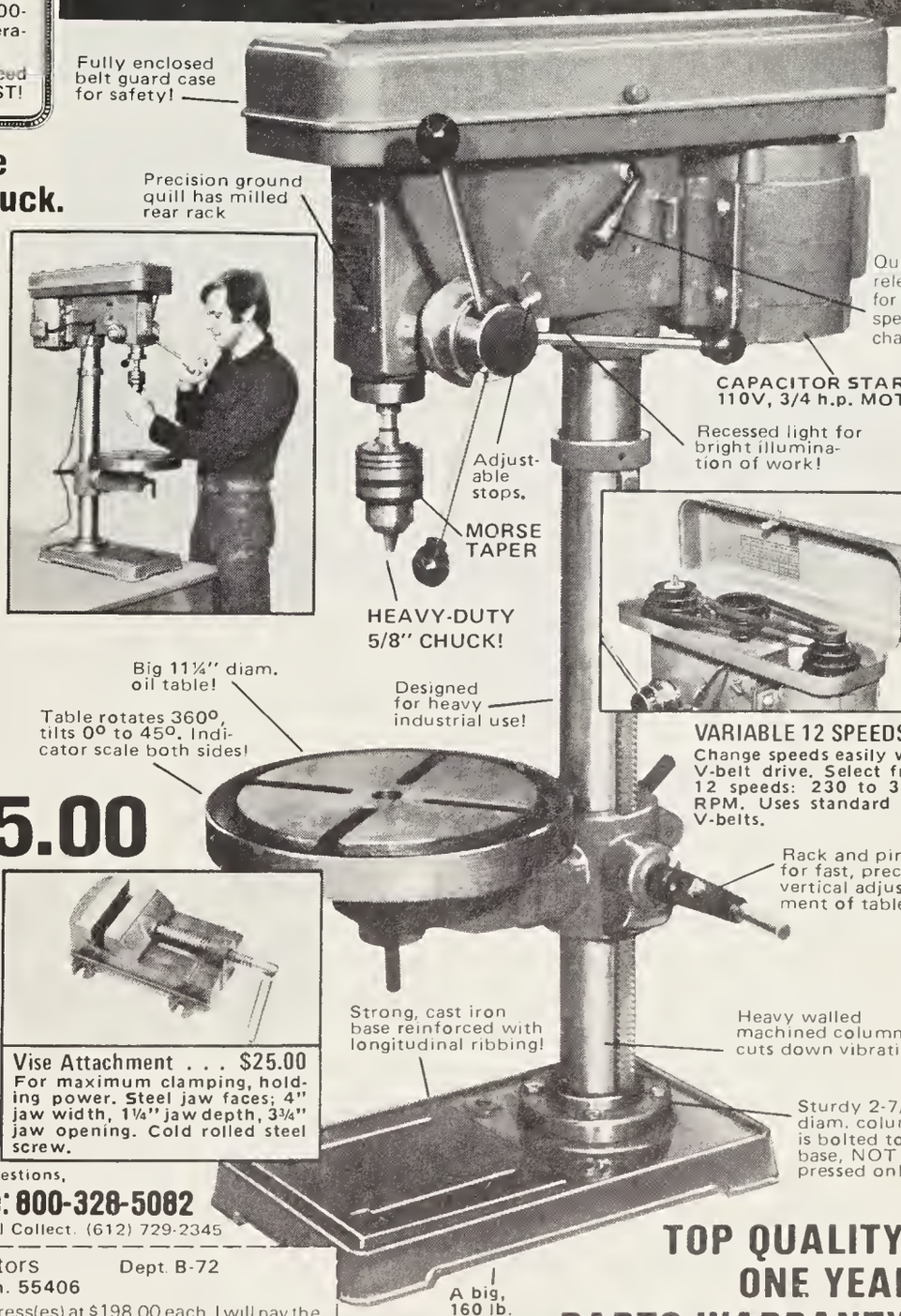
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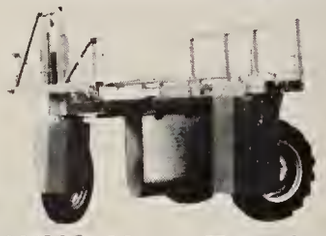

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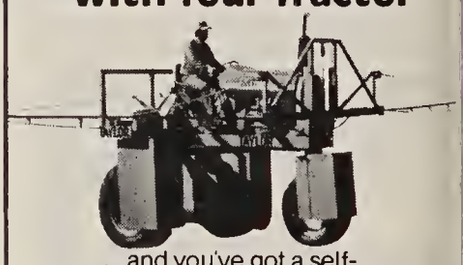

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NUCLEAR ENERGY OPPONENTS "STEREOTYPED" IN CARTOON

Why did you print Gene Payne's ro-nuclear cartoon in the November, 979, issue of *Carolina Country*? lopefully, it was to show that Mr. 'ayne knows very little about the anti- uclear movement, including tereotyping persons that are against uclear power. The anti-nuclear ovement supporters include people om all walks of life, such as leading cientists; professional and blue collar orkers; women and men; persons ho are young and old, and persons ith short and long hair. Contrary to ene Payne's view that anti-nuke emonstrators are merely protesting lectricity, persons against nuclear ower are protesting the use of a lethal eans and the ultimate pollutant to roduce electricity.

We, the residents of North Carolina, ave a virtual natural playground nvironment. Let us *not* sacrifice living a clear and beautiful environment y promoting nuclear power. There e many alternative sources of energy hich we can pursue, such as solar, ind, water, wood, coal, geothermal, tc. without sacrificing our nvironment and/or human lives.

Pro-nuclear energy people are giant sk-takers with my life and no one nows how many other lives now and the future. I do not like these people sking my life so that they can produce nd use more and more energy while ving "high on the hog." Be realistic— o you care more about human lives nd the environment or making the mighty buck?

Michael L. Thomas
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NUARY ARTICLE 'AS "IN BAD TASTE"

Your propaganda article about the ndle burning at both ends is a very oor excuse for what the "co-op" is oing to the customers. It's like oil mpanies and auto manufacturers orking on the public with libidinous lvertising to become more and more ependent on oil and gas, then hammo — when everyone's ependent, the screws are tightened nd the millionaires get one more swimming pool while the poor become paralyzed.

All this *Carolina Country* propaganda about conservation, coinciding with the gradual and steady rate increases, you now say is the cause for another and more rate increases. It's not very convincing. In fact, the article is so muddled in double-talk it's impossible to finish it with any idea of what is being said — its purpose — but: Oh me, Oh, my, more rate increases and it's your fault, not ours.

It's easy to face the fact that inflation is moving us toward depression, though we'll have to have a war first, so why don't you just come out and say costs have gone up like crazy and rates to customers will, too. All this jive about successful conservation (a response to successful rate-increase propaganda) being the cause of another rate increase is repulsive and in bad taste.

T. J. Worthington
Sparta

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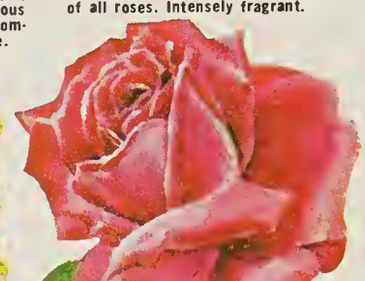

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